

DRAFT Minutes
MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2016
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members Present: R. Beebe, G. Thompson, C. Chukwuogor, D. Fecho, M. Hirschorn, B. Wiles, A. Marcellino (ex officio)

Staff Present: Matt Hart, Town Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Kevin Filchak, Graduate Intern

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Hart called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and individual members introduced themselves.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Approval of Minutes: Hirschorn MOVED and Thompson seconded to approve the May 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business:

1. *Agricultural Committee Collaboration-Update.* Painter distributed a 6/23/2016 email from Jennifer Kaufman, Environmental Planner, containing a list of agricultural businesses to be included in business visitations and an update on the farm-to-table event being planned with Dog Lane Café.
2. *Four Corners Water and Sewer Project/Four Corners Development.* Hart updated members on the status of the Four Corners Water and Sewer Project. The water project will be completed this summer and the sewer project is anticipated to start construction in early 2017 and be completed by mid 2018. Painter identified the need to update zoning regulations for the Four Corners area and ways for the EDC to participate. This led into a larger discussion of the economic development strategy and potential projects for the coming year. Hart suggested that the concept of branding be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion. Filchak has conducted initial research with regard to branding; his preliminary report will be distributed to members.

Hart and Filchak left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

3. *Alcohol Regulations.* Painter distributed a letter from Kevin Deneen, Town Attorney that outlined the process for expanding the types of alcohol permits allowed in town and the opinion that spearheading a petition drive is not within the authority of the EDC; however, it is an activity that could be taken on by individuals separate from their role on the EDC. Members asked for more information on the number of signatures that would be required and the deadline for a petition to be submitted to be placed on the November ballot.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Reports: Painter noted that Kathmandu, a new restaurant in Storrs Center recently received its Certificate of Occupancy.

Adjournment: Thompson MOVED and Wiles seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development